

EXHIBIT V



July 17, 2014

Town Supervisor Tom Croci
Town Hall
655 Main St
Islip, New York 11751
Via email: supervisorsoffice@townofislip-ny.gov

Dear Supervisor Croci:

We are writing to follow up on New York Lawyers for the Public Interest's request for a copy of Enviroscience Consultants' June 3 report on soil and water contamination at Roberto Clemente Park.

As mentioned during the public comments at this week's Town Board meeting, we filed a Freedom of Information Law application on July 9, 2014, requesting (among other documents) all available environmental investigation reports on Roberto Clemente Park. At the Town meeting, you pledged transparency for community residents seeking to understand the contamination risk and cleanup plans for the park. You also suggested that we follow up with Town personnel about getting a copy of the Enviroscience study, which we learned about from reporting in Newsday.

Unfortunately, we have still not been able to get a copy of this report. NYLPI spoke with staff in the Town Attorney's office, who suggested following up with the Clerk's office. The Clerk's office could not find our original FOIL request. (We have attached a copy of that FOIL request, along with the fax receipt showing delivery on July 9, 2014.) NYLPI filed a new FOIL request (also attached), and spoke with the Town's Constituent Services office, but were told that we should not expect a copy of this report for at least 20 business days.

If the Town of Islip is truly committed to public participation in this investigation and cleanup process, then residents should not have to wait for a copy of this report. The study has already been reviewed by the news media; Brentwood residents who live near the park should have the same opportunity.

Therefore, we are asking again for your office to provide this study immediately to our organizations, and to make it available to all Islip residents on the Town's website. We also ask you to publish all future studies and cleanup planning documents on the Town's website as they become available, so that these requests will no longer be needed.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please contact NYLPI (at mladov@nylpi.org or 212-244-4664) with any follow-up questions or to send a copy of the requested report.

Sincerely,

Mark Ladov,
Staff Attorney, Environmental Justice Program
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest

Daniel Altschuler,
Long Island Coordinator,
Make the Road New York

Lucas Sanchez,
Long Island Director,
New York Communities for Change

Attachment A:
July 9, 2014 FOIL Request

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To: FOIL Officer	From: Benjamin Barczewski
Fax: 631-224-5574	Pages: [no of pages]
Phone:	Date: 7/9/2014
Re: FOIL Request	CC:

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Freedom of Information Law Application (F.O.I.L.)—Application for Access to Public Records

Instructions: Complete the Section 1 and submit to **Office of Town Clerk, 655 Main Street, Islip New York 11751 (f) 631-224-5574**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

SECTION 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT			
I HEREBY APPLY TO REVIEW OR COPY THE RECORD(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:			
1. NAME OF APPLICANT: Mark Ladov and Benjamin Barczewski	5. MAILING ADDRESS (include suite if applicable): 151 West 30th Street, 11th Floor		
2. NAME OF BUSINESS FIRM: New York Lawyers for the Public Interest	6. CITY: New York	7. STATE: NY	8. ZIP CODE: 10001-4007
3. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: 	9. DATE OF APPLICATION: July 09, 2014		
4. TELEPHONE NUMBER: 212-244-4664	10. DEPARTMENT IF KNOWN:		
<p>DESCRIPTION OF RECORD SOUGHT TO INSPECT AND ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. Please describe the record(s) sought in as specific detail as possible with, address, date or time frame, if applicable. If we cannot determine what record(s) you seek your application will be denied. Under the NYS FOIL the Town of Islip is <u>only</u> required to supply DOCUMENTS THAT ALREADY EXIST (NYS POL Article 6).</p> <p>Any records related to the dumping of construction debris and other materials from approximately April 2013 to June 2014 at: (1) Roberto Clemente Park in Brentwood, Long Island; (2) a housing development for veterans in Islandia, Long Island; (3) a protected wetlands in Deer Park, Long Island; and (4) the Suffolk PAL fields at Clayton and Powell in Islip, Long Island, including, but not limited to, test results of soil, air, and water for each site, and any remediation plans for each site respectively</p> <p>We request that records be provided electronically and via email to mladov@nylpi.org and bbarczewski@nylpi.org to the extent possible. If that is not possible, please contact us prior to printing or copying records.</p> <p>We look forward to hearing from you within five (5) business days. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.</p>			
SECTION 2- TO BE COMPLETED BY AGENCY RECORDS ACCESS (FOIL) OFFICER			
<p>Receipt of this request is hereby acknowledged. Please allow Twenty (20) business days for processing before contacting this office. A copy of this form is being mailed to you indicating your request is being processed.</p>			
_____ Date	_____ Records Access Officer	_____ Application Number	
Office of Constituent Services, 655 Main Street, Islip New York 11751 631-224-5380			
PLEASE NOTE: The Public Officer's Law requires that a municipality acknowledge receipt of a FOIL request within five (5) business days.			

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SECTION 3- NOTICE TO APPLICANT	
DEPOSIT REQUIRED	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> A deposit in the amount of \$_____ is required before we can continue to process your FOIL application, as it is voluminous. Please forward a check payable to "Town of Islip" in the deposit amount to Records Access Officer, Constituent Services, 655 Main Street, Islip, New York 11751. For questions, please call 224-5380.</p>	
RECORDS PROVIDED:	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> The records have been fully provided. <input type="checkbox"/> The records have been partially provided or redacted.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The document(s) you requested are available. The cost of reproduction is \$_____. Please bring your cash, check or money order payable to the "Town of Islip" and submit to Town of Islip--Town Clerk's Office, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please call 631-224-5380 to schedule an appointment to view documents.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Redaction fee due \$_____ at time of appointment</p>	
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	Date:

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I hereby appeal:

Signature

Date

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Attachment B:
July 15, 2014 FOIL Request

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<p>FEE SCHEDULE</p> <p>Be advised there is a statutory fee due (\$.25 per page, not in excess of 9x14) for copies. For anything else, including digital formats, cost of reproduction will be charged. Deposits may be required for voluminous requests. Copy fees are to be paid for any pages required to be redacted prior to viewing a file. FOIL requests will not be processed for any person or company who fails to pay any outstanding FOIL fees due for a prior FOIL request. Copies will be prepared unless specifically requested otherwise.</p>			
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